

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

White Earth Tribal Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. **List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:**
 - a. Invasive Plant Species.
 - b. Water Quality – especially issues concerning the Wild Rice Watershed and feedlot runoff.
 - c. Wildlife Habitat – tree plantings.
 - d. Forest Stand Improvement.
 - e. Soil Erosion.
 - f. Pasture Conditions and Grazing Concerns.
2. **If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:**
 - a. White Earth Reservation wide – invasive species.
 - b. Lower Rice Lake – soil erosion and water quality.
 - c. Wild Rice River Watershed – soil erosion and water quality.
3. **From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.**
 1. Applications addressing water quality.
 2. Applications addressing invasive species.
 3. Applications addressing wildlife habitat.
 4. Applications involving Forest Stand Improvement (666).
4. **Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.**

WATER QUALITY – the applicant will install a practice to decommission a well using practice standard 351. (8 points)

WATER QUALITY – the applicant will implement a nutrient and pest management plan. Practice standard 590 & 595. (10 points)

WATER QUALITY – the applicant will install practices that result in the implementation of a prescribed grazing system 528 or use exclusion within riparian areas 472. (2 points)

WILDLIFE HABITAT – the applicant will install 5 or more native tree species and/or shrubs in their wildlife habitat planting. These practices include 391, 612, 643, and 645. (7 points)

WILDLIFE HABITAT – the applicant will install practice standard 643 to restore and manage declining habitats. (7 points)

ALL CONCERNS – the applicant will implement an Invasive Plant Species Pest Management plan to treat invasive plant species, as identified in the Specific Provisions of the Minnesota EQIP Conservation Practice Payment Schedule, using practice standard 797. (7 points)

ALL CONCERNS – The established practices will have a long term environmental benefits and will be existing for 10 or more years by implementing practice standards 612, 643, 645, 380, and 391. (10 points)

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

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6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

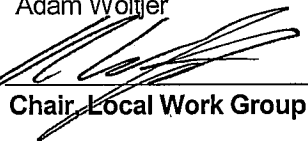
None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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